

Amendment No. 1 to HB1534

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 653*

House Bill No. 1534

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-5-108(d), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

(3)

(A) The state board of education shall approve a process for an LEA, or for two (2) or more LEAs working together, to establish a district teacher training program for the purpose of recommending eligible educators for endorsements. An educator must possess an active Tennessee professional teaching license and must be employed by an LEA participating in the program to be eligible to participate in a program established under this subdivision (d)(3).

(B) The state board shall establish the minimum requirements for district teacher training programs; provided, that the minimum requirements must allow eligible educators to add endorsement areas to the educator's license.

(C) District teacher training programs established under this subdivision (d)(3) must certify to the department of education that the eligible educator has met the requirements established by the state board for the endorsement.

(D) The state board shall not require an eligible educator seeking an endorsement through a district teacher training program to enroll in a teacher preparation program in order to receive the endorsement. This subdivision (d)(3) does not prohibit a district teacher training program from partnering with a teacher preparation program approved by the state board.

(E)

(i)

(a) To ensure the quality of an educator who receives an endorsement under this subdivision (d)(3), the state board shall require the eligible educator to take an assessment pursuant to the state board's rules and policies.

(b) Subdivision (d)(3)(E)(i)(a) does not apply to an educator who has six (6) or more years of teaching experience and who earned an overall performance effectiveness level of "above expectations" or "significantly above expectations" on the educator's most recent evaluation pursuant to § 49-1-302(d).

(ii) Notwithstanding subdivision (d)(3)(E)(i)(b), an educator seeking an endorsement under § 49-5-5619 is required to take an assessment before the educator may receive the endorsement.

(F) The department of education shall create a process for the review of district teacher training programs established under this subdivision (d)(3) pursuant to the state board's rules and policies.

SECTION 2. The state board of education is authorized to promulgate rules necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act. The rules must be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it. All remaining sections of this act take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.